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RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

REDEFINITION OF ITEM 1562 - TANTALUM ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS N.E.S.

16th July 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3415.62/1 - 6.

1. The CHAIRMAN invited Delegates to give the further views of their authorities on the redefinition proposal submitted by the Netherlands Delegation and amended by the United States (COCOM 3415.62/6, paragraph 2) and also on the United States proposal to place Wendel type capacitors on List IV (COCOM 3415.62/3, paragraph 2).
2. The FRENCH Delegate said that in a spirit of compromise his authorities were prepared to accept the Netherlands redefinition proposal as amended by the United States. They maintained their opinion, however, that foil type capacitors could not be used for strategic purposes and should therefore be freed from embargo or at least placed on List IV. These capacitors were now considered in France to be of an out-of-date type and were made in France only for replacement purposes; it was expected that production of them would cease entirely within twelve months.
3. The UNITED STATES Delegate informed the Committee that his authorities were prepared to withdraw their proposal to place Wendel type capacitors on List IV. They remained convinced, however, that foil type capacitors were of strategic importance. A survey of United States production of this type of capacitor in the last six months of 1958 had shown that 92 % of the quantity produced and 93 % from the value stand-point went directly for military uses. This survey had made no reference to a temperature cut-off but a random sample had shown that a substantial proportion of the foil type capacitors designed for operation for temperatures below 85°C. were used for military purposes.
4. The BELGIAN Delegate stated that tantalum electrolytic capacitors were not manufactured in Belgium and his authorities would therefore associate themselves with the majority of the Committee.
5. The CHAIRMAN summed up by saying that there was now unanimous agreement on the Netherlands redefinition proposal as amended by the United States. He noted that the proposal to place Wendel type capacitors on List IV had been withdrawn.
6. The COMMITTEE decided that the following definition of Item 1562 would come into force on August 1st:  

"Tantalum electrolytic capacitors n.e.s. as follows:

  - (a) All types designed to operate at temperatures exceeding 85°C.
  - (b) Sintered electrolytic capacitors.
  - (c) Electrolytic capacitors constructed with foils."

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